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Sir Robert Falconer,
McGill University,
Montreal.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer:

Following upon our conversation the other day it occurs to me that you may like to have a copy of the letter from Lord Robert Cecil of which I spoke. We have an excellent representation of all parties - Clynes and Hartshorn for Labour.- on our Parliamentary Committee at Westminster. Of course they must decide for themselves at Ottawa whether they will have a similar Parliamentary Committee there representing all parties; but it would be encouraging if your and other Canadian Universities took what opportunities they had in their own spheres to educate the educators of the public in this vital matter of what Lord Robert Cecil calls "the League spirit" in the new world we are all trying to create.

Yours faithfully,

Please address me House of Commons,
London Eng.

(copy)

117 Piccadilly, W.1

August 23, 1919.

Dear Mr. Hurd:

I am interested to learn of your approaching visit to Canada, for, as honorary secretary of the Parliamentary Committee of the League of Nations Union, you may find an opportunity of telling our Canadian friends what we are doing and propose to do in this country and in the British Parliament. A strong House of Commons at Ottawa representing all political sections as does our Committee at Westminster could not fail to be most helpful in furthering a cause which is no less Canada's than ours.

The necessity, not only for the League itself, but even more for the League spirit in international affairs, becomes daily more apparent. Without it it is difficult to see how civilisation as we know it can survive. The danger is imminent and calls for the help of all men of goodwill to avert it. Especially do we look for the help from those younger communities whose outlook on international questions is not governed by outworn tradition.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Robert Cecil.

October 8th, 1919

Percy Hurd, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
London, England.

Dear Mr. Hurd:

I am much obliged to you for sending me a copy of the letter from Lord Robert Cecil, which is very interesting. As I said to you when here I am very doubtful whether at present the atmosphere at Ottawa is such as to encourage much hope for co-operation between the two parties in the attitude to external affairs.

I was much disappointed at the line Mr. Fielding took, and in speaking to several gentlemen of Liberal leaning in Ottawa a few days ago they also told me that the Liberal Party had not given any lead in the matter of larger interest in external affairs when the opportunity came to them a few weeks ago.

I believe myself that the Universities have done and will continue to do a great deal through their relationships with American Universities to strengthen the bond of good feeling between our communities. There is a great deal of interchange and a great deal of coming and going, and on nearly all occasions this was the theme.

I was very glad of the opportunity of meeting you even for a short time when you were in Toronto. With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

House of Commons.
Westminster, London, England.
Tuesday, October 14th, 1919.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,

Following up my recent letter regarding the League of Nations, you may like to see the enclosed reports of yesterday's meeting at the Mansion House. It will be a great pleasure to us here if your University finds means of stimulating this new League of Nations spirit so far as Canada is concerned.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

Percy Hurd

Sir Robert Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.

Enclosure

November 10th, 1919

Peter Burt, Esq., M.P.,
House of Commons,
London, England.

Dear Mr. Burt:

I have to thank you for the clippings that you have been giving reports of the meeting in behalf of the League of Nations held in the Mansion House. These I have read with a great deal of interest, and I will take the matter up as soon as possible, though I do not at the present see except by personal appeals what action we can take officially in the University with regard to the matter.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.